

...WHAT IS THE FAVORITE CLOCK HOUR FOR SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS...

A BEAN-COUNT WAS DONE TO DETERMINE THE PEAK INITIATION HOUR AND MONTH OF A VARIETY OF WARM-SEASON WEATHER EVENTS THAT AFFECT WISCONSIN. THIS WAS DONE FOR THE TIME PERIOD OF 1982-2009. BELOW IS A TABLE OF RESULTS...

WATERSPOUTS.....AUGUST...100 PM-200 PM CST  
/WISCONSIN WATERS ON LAKE MICHIGAN AND LAKE SUPERIOR/  
TORNADOES.....JUNE.....500 PM-600 PM  
FUNNEL CLOUDS.....JULY.....400 PM-500 PM  
THUNDERSTORM WINDS.....JULY.....500 PM-600 PM  
LARGE HAIL.....JUNE.....500 PM-600 PM  
FLASH FLOODS.....JUNE.....700 PM-800 PM  
COMPOSITE OF ALL EVENTS.....JUNE.....500 PM-600 PM CST

MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION OF MAJOR SHORT-FUSE SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS  
/TORNADO...THUNDERSTORM WIND...LARGE HAIL...AND FLASH FLOODS/...  
FOR THE PERIOD OF 1982-2009...

MONTH	TORNADO	TSTM WINDS	HAIL	FLASH FLOOD	MONTH TOTAL	MONTH PERCENT
JAN	2	1	6	0	9	0.07
FEB	0	12	9	0	21	0.17
MAR	9	89	246	8	352	2.79
APR	50	274	552	10	886	7.03
MAY	106	811	836	75	1828	14.5
JUN	261	1836	903	226	3226	25.6
JUL	200	1951	902	103	3156	25.0
AUG	118	1291	488	154	2051	16.3
SEP	66	414	322	104	906	7.19
OCT	9	95	44	11	159	1.26
NOV	0	7	6	1	14	0.11
DEC	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
YEAR	821	6781	4314	692	12608	
PERCENT	6.5	53.8	34.2	5.5		

TORNADOES MAY OCCUR DURING EVERY MONTH OF THE YEAR. IN WISCONSIN THEIR PEAK MONTH OF OCCURRENCE IS IN JUNE...AND TORNADOES MOST OFTEN OCCUR BETWEEN THE MONTHS OF MAY AND AUGUST. TORNADOES MAY OCCUR AT ANY HOUR OF THE DAY...BUT IN THE PAST 25 YEARS TORNADOES IN WISCONSIN INITIATED MOST OFTEN BETWEEN 5 PM AND 6 PM CST...WITH A PEAK 6-HOUR INITIATION PERIOD OF 2 PM TO 8 PM CST.

WHEN CONDITIONS FOR SEVERE WEATHER ARE POSSIBLE...PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR NOAA WEATHER RADIO OR LOCAL NEWS MEDIA FOR THE POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF A SEVERE WEATHER WATCH...OR SEVERE WEATHER WARNING. REMEMBER THAT A WATCH IS ISSUED WHEN CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE FOR SEVERE WEATHER TO DEVELOP...AND A WARNING IS ISSUED WHEN SEVERE WEATHER IS IMMINENT OR OCCURRING.

TORNADOES...OR ANY OTHER SEVERE WEATHER EVENT...MAY OCCUR 24 HOURS A DAY...365 DAYS A YEAR. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE PREPARED. WISCONSIN WEATHER...LIKE THE REST OF THE UNITED STATES...CAN CHANGE AT A MOMENTS NOTICE. STAY INFORMED OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS BY STAYING TUNED TO YOUR NOAA WEATHER RADIO...AND LOCAL OR CABLE NEWS AND RADIO STATIONS.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUES THAT SEVERE WEATHER...ESPECIALLY TORNADOES...MAY BE DEVELOPING INCLUDE A DARK...MAYBE GREENISH SKY...LOW-HANGING AND ROTATING WALL CLOUDS...OR LARGE HAIL. ALSO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR FLASH FLOODING...LIGHTNING...STRONG WINDS...OR HAIL. THESE EVENTS MAY BE JUST AS DEADLY...IF NOT MORE SO THAN TORNADOES OR OTHER TYPES OF SEVERE WEATHER.

SHOULD SEVERE WEATHER DEVELOP IN YOUR AREA...ENABLE YOUR EMERGENCY DISASTER PLAN IMMEDIATELY. MOVE INDOORS TO A BASEMENT OR INTERIOR ROOM OR AT THE VERY LEAST...FIND SOME FORM OF PERMANENT SHELTER TO TAKE COVER IN. IT IS UP TO YOU TO BE PREPARED FOR THE ONSET OF SEVERE WEATHER.

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